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1. AT YOUR EARLY OPPORTUNITY, YOU SHOULD EXPRESS TO FAHMY OUR APPRECIATION FOR PRESIDENT SADAT'S AND HIS CANDID VIEWS ON SUBJECT OF OUR ACCEPTING LIBYAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT WE RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE OF TIMING ANY SUCH MOVE AND HAD NO INTENTION OF DOING ANYTHING UNTIL AFTER WE HAD HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR EGYPTIAN VIEWS. IT WAS PRECISELY BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE SENSITIVITY OF LIBYAN QUES-TION FOR PRESIDENT SADAT THAT WE WANTED, IN SPIRIT OF CLOSE US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS, TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH GOE BEFORE DOING ANYTHING. YOU SHOULD ASSURE FAHMY AND ASK HIM TO ASSURE SADAT THAT WE UNDERSTAND FULLY THE CONCERNS THEY EXPRESSED AND HAVE NO INTENTION OF ACTING IN A WAY INCON-SISTENT WITH PRESIDENT SADAT'S INTEREST. WE WILL KEEP QUESTION OF TIMING UNDER REVIEW AND WILL IN ANY EVENT DO NOTHING WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH SADAT AND FAHMY. SECRET

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2. IF YOU FEEL IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO FAHMY, YOU SHOULD REPEAT THAT, WHILE OUR INCLINATION IS TO ACCEPT LIBYAN AMBASSADOR AT APPROPRIATE TIME, PURPOSE OF YOUR APPROACH WAS TO ASCERTAIN EGYPTIAN VIEWS FOR CONSIDERATION BEFORE ANY STEP TAKEN. YOU SHOULD ALSO MAKE SURE HE UNDERSTANDS THAT WE

ARE NOT IN ANY CASE CONTEMPLATING SENDING U.S. AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA AND THAT YOU SHOULD ASSURE HIM THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.

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